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1. **Purpose.** The purpose of continuing education is to ensure that the appraiser participates in a program that maintains and increases that individual's skill, knowledge, and competency in real estate appraising.
2. **Requirements.** All apprentice, licensed, and certified permittees must meet a minimum level of continuing education. This minimum level has been set at forty-two hours over a three-year education renewal period. Of the forty-two hours, appraisers must complete the seven-hour national uniform standards of professional appraisal practice update course, or its equivalent, every two years. Equivalency must be determined through the appraisal qualifications board course approval program or by an alternate method approved by the appraisal qualifications board. Twenty-one hours of the forty-two hours must include appraisal-specific education related to the valuation of real estate, and fourteen hours may be comprised of appraisal-related subject matter, approved as such by the appraisal board.
 - a. The necessary forty-two hours may be obtained at any time during the three-year renewal period, except for the required national uniform standards of professional appraisal practice requirement.
 - b. Verification of the necessary forty-two hours must be submitted by the end of the three-year renewal period.
 - c. Uniform standards of professional practice (USPAP) continuing education credit shall only be awarded when the class is instructed by an appraisal qualifications board certified instructor.
 - d. All continuing education courses taken in this state must be approved by the board.
 - e. Courses taken out of this state may be approved for credit, provided the state in which the course was taken has approved the course for appraiser education.

- f. A course which has not had prior approval may be approved on an individual basis.
- g. All continuing education must be taken in blocks of at least two hours.
- h. A classroom hour is defined as fifty minutes out of each sixty-minute segment.
- i. With the exception of distance education, no examination is required for continuing education courses.
- j. Credit for the classroom requirement may be obtained from the following:
 - (1) Colleges or universities.
 - (2) Community or junior colleges.
 - (3) Real estate appraisal or real estate-related organizations.
 - (4) State or federal agencies or commissions.
 - (5) Proprietary schools.
 - (6) Other providers approved by the state certification or licensing board.
- k. Credit may be granted for education offerings which are consistent with the purpose of continuing education stated in subsection 1 and cover real estate-related appraisal topics such as:
 - (1) Ad valorem taxation.
 - (2) Arbitration.
 - (3) Business courses related to practice of real estate appraisal.
 - (4) Construction estimating.
 - (5) Ethics and standards of professional practice.
 - (6) Land use planning, zoning, and taxation.
 - (7) Management, leasing, brokerage, and timesharing.
 - (8) Property development.
 - (9) Real estate appraisal (valuations or evaluations).

- (10) Real estate law.
 - (11) Real estate litigation.
 - (12) Real estate financing and investment.
 - (13) Real estate appraisal-related computer applications.
 - (14) Real estate securities and syndications.
 - (15) Real property exchange.
- l. A professional real estate appraisal organization meeting may be granted credit, provided it is a formal education program of learning which contributes to the real estate appraisal profession.
 - m. Real estate appraisal-related field trips may be granted credit. However, transit time to or from the field trip location should not be included when awarding credit if instruction does not occur.
 - n. Continuing education credit may be granted for participation, other than as a student in appraisal educational processes and programs. Examples of activities for which credit may be granted are teaching, program development, authorship of textbooks, or similar activities which are determined to be equivalent to obtaining continuing education.
 - (1) Ten hours may be granted for authorship of textbooks, publications, or similar activities provided the document contributes to the appraisal profession.
 - (2) One and one-half hours of credit for each one hour of instruction may be granted for teaching appraisal courses.
 - (3) Teaching of a course with the same, or substantially the same subject content may be claimed only once for credit within a three-year renewal cycle.
 - o. Fourteen hours may be granted for distance education. Distance education is defined as any educational process based on the geographical separation of provider and student e.g., CD-ROM, on-line learning, correspondence courses, videoconferencing, or similar activities. Distance education courses may be acceptable to meet the continuing education requirement provided that the course is approved by the board and meets one of the following conditions:
 - (1) The course is presented to an organized group in an instructional setting with a person qualified and available to

answer questions, provide information, and monitor student attendance, and is a minimum of two classroom hours and meets the requirements for continuing education courses established by the appraiser qualifications board.

- (2) The course has been presented by an accredited commission on colleges or a regional accreditation association college or university that offers distance education programs in other disciplines, has received approval for college credit by the American council on education, or is approved for design and delivery mechanism by the international distance education certification center and for content by the appraiser qualifications board or the board. Additionally, the course must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The course is equivalent to a minimum of two classroom hours in length and meets the requirements for real estate appraisal-related courses established by the appraiser qualifications board.
 - (b) The student successfully completes a written examination proctored by an official approved by the presenting college or university or by the sponsoring organization consistent with the requirements of the course accreditation; or if a written examination is not required for accreditation, the student successfully completes the course mechanisms required for accreditation which demonstrate mastery and fluency. Said mechanisms must be present in a course without an examination in order to be acceptable.
- p. A course with the same or substantially the same subject content may be claimed only once for credit within a three-year renewal cycle.
- q. Excess hours of education earned in one renewal period cannot be carried over to the next renewal period.
- r. Courses that have received approval by the appraiser qualifications board of the appraisal foundation through the appraiser qualifications course approval program may be accepted by the board without additional state review.

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